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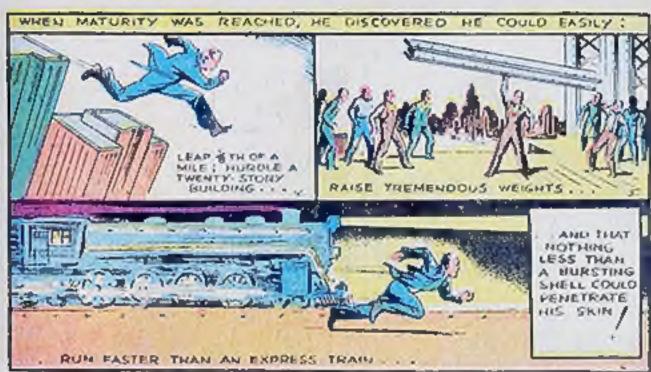


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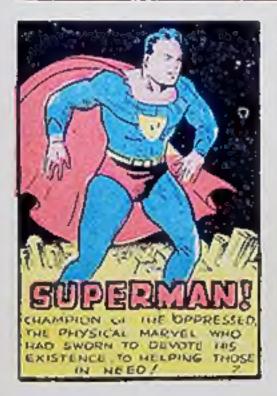
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LINAWARE THE CHILD'S



ARLY. CLARK DECIDED HE MUST TURN HIS TITALLIC STRENGTH INTO CHANNELS THAT WOULD GENERIT MANKIND C'Z GMA MAS CREATED. .



SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION OF CLARK KENT'S AMAZING STRENGTH

CAN THE COME FROM A PLANET WHOSE IN HABITARTS PHYSICAL STRUCTURE WAS MILL IONS OF YEARS AD VAHCED OF OUR OWN. INOM

REACHING MATURITY. THE PEOPLE OF HIS CAME GILT STRENGTH!

WORLD EVIST

THE LOWLY ANT CAN SUPPORT WEIGHTS HUNDREDS OF TIMES ITS OWN





























































































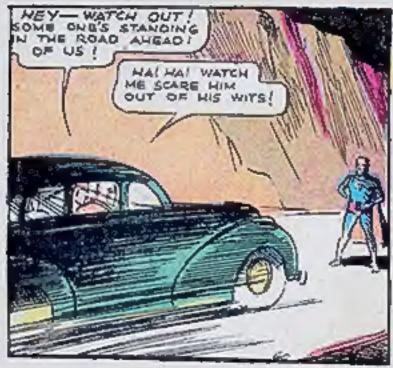


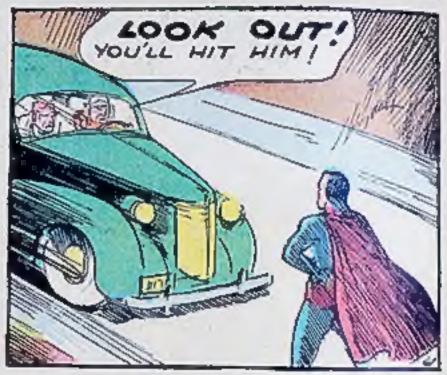


































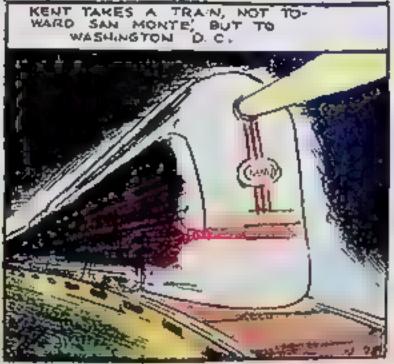




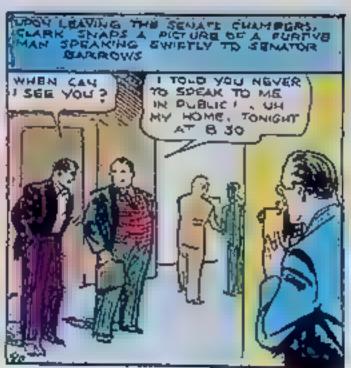




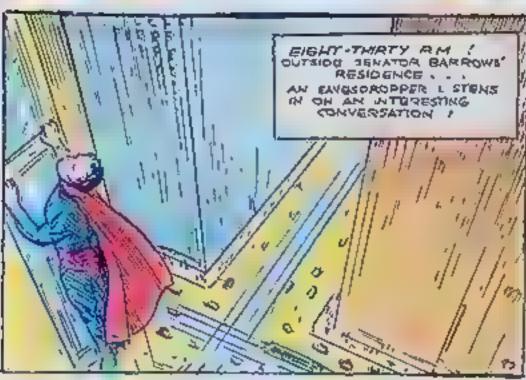




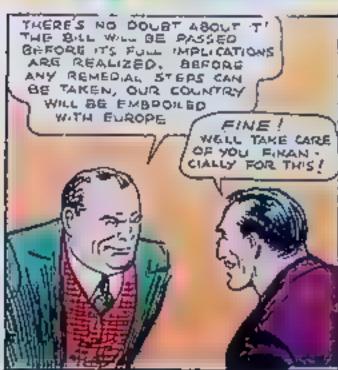






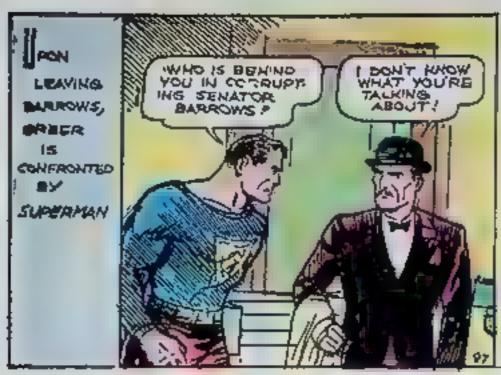




































THE CHARLES DAWSON, OWNER OF THE CIRCLE-D RANCH IS KILLED IN A BLOODY TEXAS RANGE WAR, HIS YOUNG SON AND ONLY HEIR GOES TO LIVE WITH AN UNCLE, AHORS'S RAISER IN WYOMING.

THE BOY, XHOWN AS CHUCK, GROWS TO MANHOOD, WITH THE BUILD OF AN ATHLETE AND AN ALMOST UNCANNY SKILL WITH THE RIFLEAND SIX-GUN-

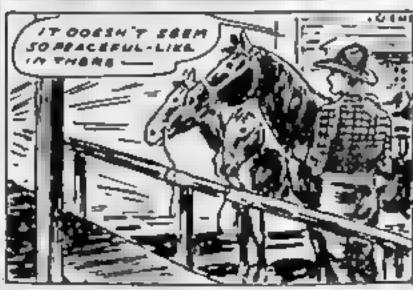
CHUCK, NOW, BEGINE TO THINK A BOUT TAKING UP THE FIGHT AGAINST THE CROCKED CATTLEMEN WHO KILLED HIS FATHER.

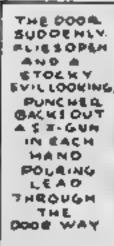
CHUCK" MAKESUP MIS MIND TO 00 BACKTO BATTLE THE GANG 90 CROOKED BANCH OWNERS WHO HAVE ACQUIRED 84 FRAUD. 3 MT MANGL LANDS ME. INHERITED AT HIS FATHERS DEATH



















ESCAPING
THE
PUNCHERS
VIC OUS
SW NG
SY THE
FRACTION
OFANINGH,
CHUCK
LEAPS OVER
THE HITCH
RACK AND
LANDS
CRUSHING
SLOW
TO THE
BULLY S
BRISTLING
CHIN —















ATTER
CHUCK
HAS LEFT,
JOHN
BURWELL
OWNER
OF THE
4-G
RANCH
CALLS
OVER
TRIGGER"
HOLT
ONE OF
HIS RIDERS









































CHUCK REGAINS HIS SENCES, HE FINDS HIMSELF IN A CELL IN BACK OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE -SITTING IN A CHAIR CUTSIDE 15 A DEPUTY.





WHEN **THE DEPUTY** GETS CLOSE てひ THE CELL DOOR, CHUCK PRETENDS WHISPER ASTHE DEPUTY LEANS FORWARD CHUCK'S LONGARMS SHOOT FORWARD THROUGH THE BARS-









GHUCK FINDS HIS OWN GUN IN A TABLE DRAWER-ME IS TUSPATEUL TO LEAVE. WHENHE HEARS THE SOUND OF AFOOT-STEP OUTER OFFICE





SY FRED GUARDINGER

CHAMPION OF LAW AND ORDER THE WORLD'S
SREATEST MAD CIAN AND HIS FAITHFUL ASSISTANT,
TO: 1, HAVE DED CATED THE R LIVES TO WIPING
OUT THE PORCES OF DUTLAWRY LED BY THE
SEAUTIFUL WOMAN CRIM HAL AND SATARA'S ARCHENRMY, "THE TIGRESS" NOW, THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE FREIGHT
THAIN ROSSERIES"

THIS IS SERIOUS, TONG IN THE LAST
FEW WEEKS TWO RAILROAD DETECTIVES HAVE BEEN KILLED, A
BRAKEMAN MURDERED, AND
\$ 200 000 00 TAKEN IN LOOT /

UNDOUBTEDLY THE
WORK OF "THE TIGRESS;"
THE MALICIOUS ONE

THE CRYSTAL HAS NEVER BEEN WRONG - I CAN A PLAINLY SEE THAT ANOTHER ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO ROB THE TRAIN WE'LL IMMEDIATELY GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR DETECTIVE FREND BRADY

LATE THAT NIGHT THE MAGICIAN ACCOMMINES BRADY TO THE FREIGHT YARD AND SILENTLY THEY BOARD THE TRAIN THAT IS DESTINED

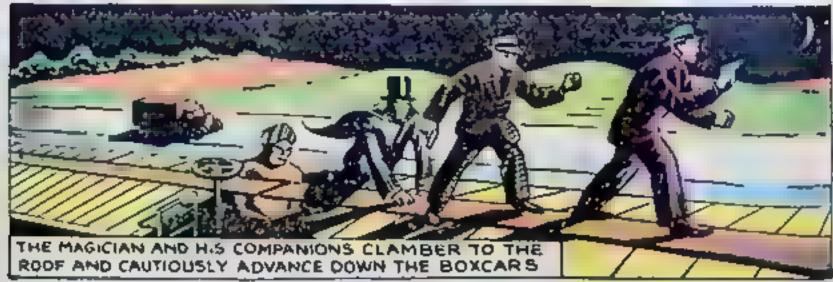


THE TRAIN SPEEDS OFF INTO THE NIGHT BRADY, MAKING HIS WAY DOWN THE CATWALK, CROUCHES LOW AS THE TRAIN ENTERS A TUNNEL

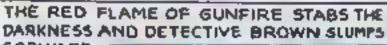


EMERGING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TUN-NEL, THE FIGURE OF A MAN, WHOM ZATARA AND THE OTHERS BELIEVE TO BE BRADY, BECKONS THEM TO FOLLOW.











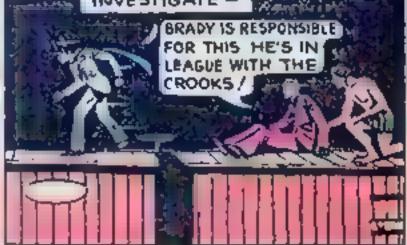
AND IS SAVED FROM CERTAIN DEATH BY A QUICK MOVEMENT OF THE POWERFUL TONG



THE DETECTIVE IS MERELY STUNNED AND ZATARA GESTURES WITH HIS HANDS, PRO-



THE MAGICIAN RACES FORWARD TO



AND IS STARTLED AS A BODY IS HURLED FROM ONE OF THE BOXCARS /



THE FIGURE OF A WOMAN STEATHILY CREEPS UP BEHIND ZATARA - IT IS "THE TIGOESS"!



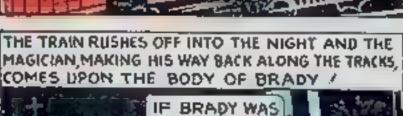


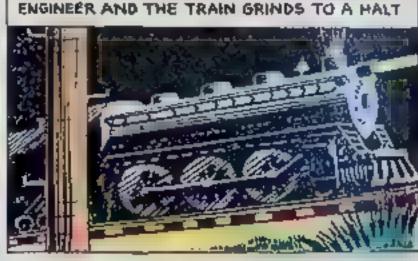








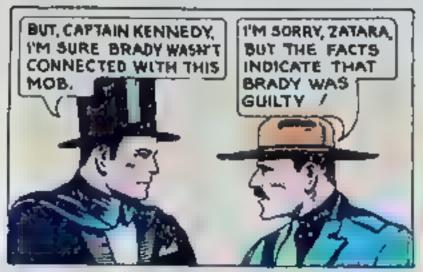




MEANWHILE TONG SUCCEEDS IN WARNING THE

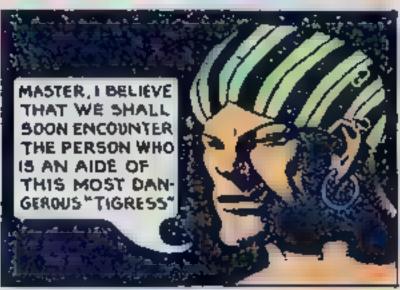






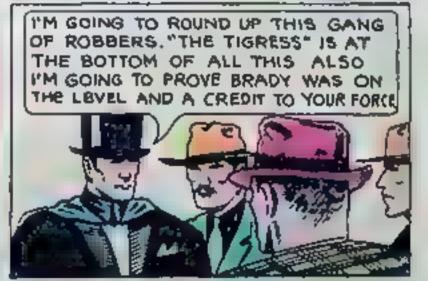


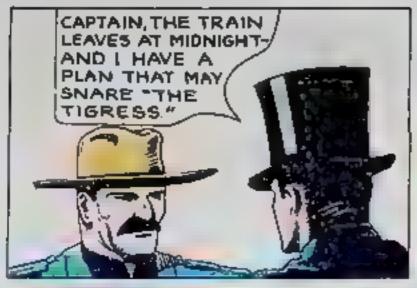










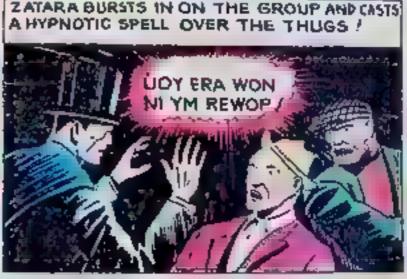














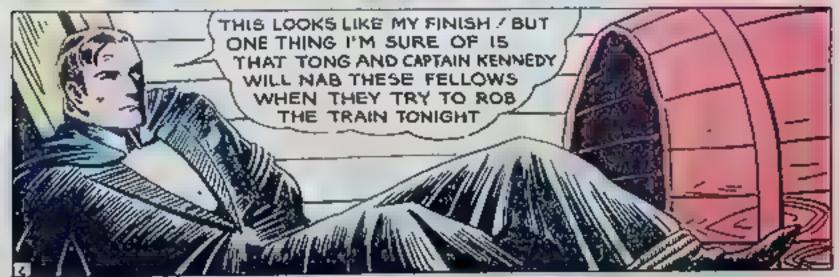
























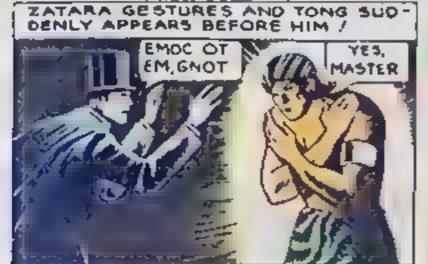




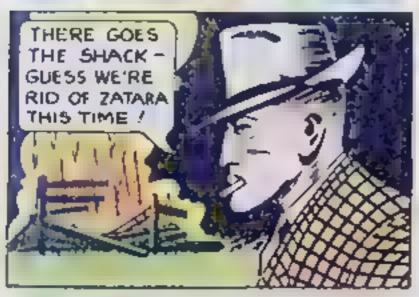


















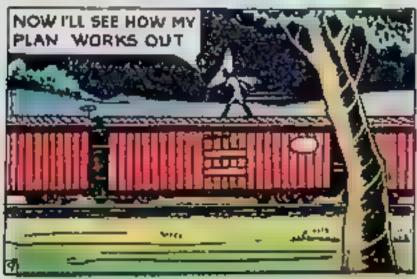








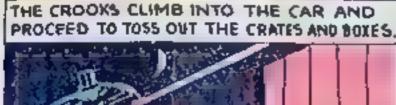














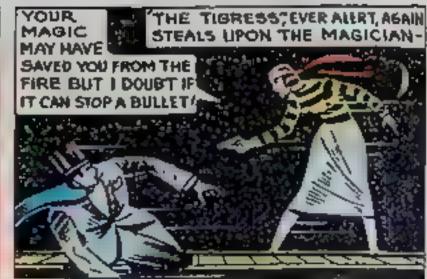




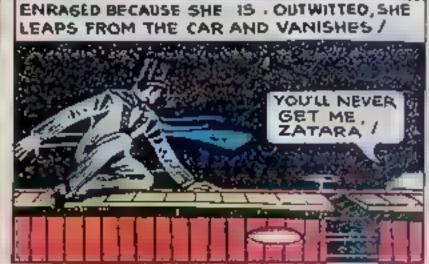






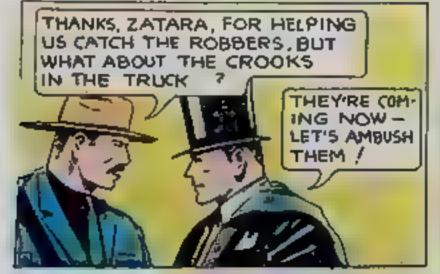




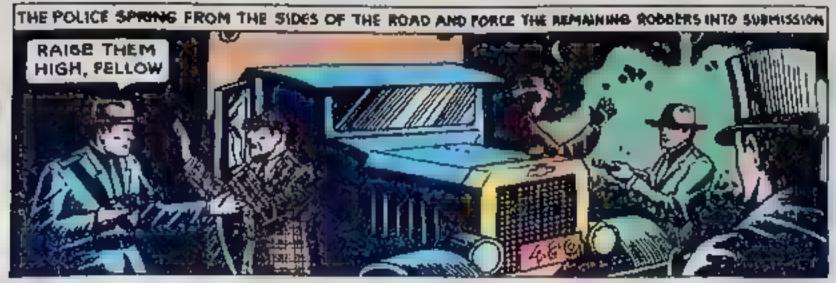












YOU SEE, CAPTAIN KENNEDY; BABCOCK
THE CROOKED TRAIN INSPECTOR USED TO
LEAVE A CAR OPEN FOR THE THIEVES AND
THEN LATER THEY ENTERED THE CAR
MARKED WITH & THEY THREW OUT
THE FREIGHT AND IT WAS PICKED UP
BY THE MEN IN THE TRUCK

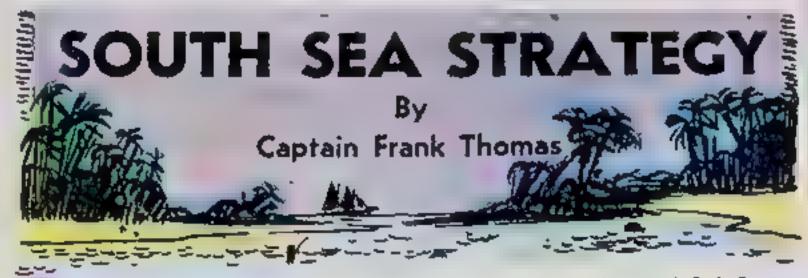
WHILE THEY WERE HOLDING ME IN THE SHACK I HAD TONG SUBSTITUTE THOSE BOXES FOR THE VALUABLE CARGO WHICH IS STILL SAFE AND SOUND ON THE FREIGHT TRAIN



BACK IN THE STATION HOUSE BABCOCK
CONFESSES BRADY'S INNOCENCE
NO, BRADY WASN'T IN
WITH US-THEY BUMPED
HIM OFF THAT NIGHT WE
WENT THROUGH THE
TUNNEL / ONE OF THE
BOYS PUT ON HIS HAT
AND COAT AND MOTIONED
YOU TO COME AHEAD







the v vid colors of nature's point box. Brilliant r boons of red and bive shot into the void, blending and melting with the softer greens and golden shades of the clouds that drifted by. A kalendoscope of many tones reflected itself in the missor surface of the sea

The inspiring vision lasted but a moment and then the molten ball of sur sank beyond the horizon. Light grew dim and finally disappeared and from the east to the west night spread its blanket over the tropic water and islands.

Bret Coleman, sitting on the rait of his small schooner, struck a match and applied at to his brue. Hungrily his blue eyes devoured the luminous display that had, a minute before, flashed across the heavens like liquid fire.

"And each night it seems to become more beautiful!" he whis pered. Then arousing himself he walked aft to the cabin and shouted down to his mate, cook, cabin boy and all around assistant, Cottonball.

"Shake a leg ther, fellow and let's get the anchor on board." "Ah's comin', Cap'n Bret," and a few seconds later Costonbal's glistening, black face appeared above the door of the hatch.

Together they horsted the an chor chain and made it fast to the fore deck. They raised the sail and the huge canvas, flapping like a white albatross, caught the warm breeze and awelled into a large crescent

Coleman swong the wheel and slowly the Aruba tutned, pointing her how westward. The sea washed sofily against her aide and the dark shore of the pland to the right slipped by, mysteriously and magic-like

"We made out pretty well this time, Cottonball," said Coleman.
"Yan aub, Cap n, we sho' did!" grinned Cottonball, his teeth flashing whitely in the gloom "De hoat am hiled right to de brim wif copra and fo' good measure we has five hundred pounds of pearl shell his am one of de best trips we has ever made, Cap'n!"

Con his pipe it had been an excellent trip and three weeks from now, if everything went smoothly, they'd he in Singapore. The market would bring a good price for the cargo and then, with a well filled purse, they distributed to Sydney.

Cottonball shuffled forward to hong the port and starboard lights. Coleman switched on a light to make a compass reading, his blue-grey eyes carefully studying the sensitive ared a Her face was thin and strong and ten years.



beneath the tropic sun had dyed his complexion the color of teak wood

Up in the bowhead Cottonbal squatted and humined a native song of the is and. Back of them to the east, the silver crescent of the moon rose against the diamond studded backdrop of the sevet heavens. The peacefulness of the new night pleased him greatly and Coleman settled back on the leather rests.

Up forward Cottonball had suddenly ceased his song and at once Coleman knew the trason. In the distance, off their starboard, he heard the aplashing of water. And then through the stirlness, came the cry of a man frantic and despetate!

Loteman leaped to his feet and shouled to Cottonball. The negro disappeared into the cabin and a few seconds later was back on deck with a powerful searchlight in his hands. He pressed the switch and the beam of light stabbed the darkness like & huge tap er

The bronte-faced captain awang the wheel and the Araba vector off in the direction from where the sound emanated. The aplashing grew fouder and presently Cottonball's probing light settled on the figure of a man swimming forcely toward the boat

He came a ongs de and Coleman, reaching over heaved him on deck dripping and panting He was a white man middle aged and geas. An ugly open cut was slashed across his furchead and temple and Coleman lost nu time to cleaning and dressing the wound

For a mument he sat on the deck breathing heavily eyes closed. Then he opened them and looked up at the sean figure of Coleman standing above him

"Thank God I reached you!" he gasped and the capiain caught him as he fainted

We'd better anchor here for the night." Coleman said to his brigge assistant. And lifting the processions man be carried him down and the cabin and laid him on the couch Al F an hour later he awoke and smoved wants when he real red has be has fainted to denous offered been a warm at mulating drink which he held in his hand and a pped as he related the hear file one dents of the ups and had sea

What really caused it I can't imagine the man said. But thes suiden's were mad and overran the whole island king and plundering as they went. The are expectedness and bruta by efficiency indescribable.

The stranger's strength returned and he in roduced himself to Coleman. He was Samue Newton and had spent the last twenty years of his life in the slands as a missionary and trader. Three years upon his daughter, Merna, and a housekeeper had come to the with him.

"Were they is in you when the natives went betserk?" asked Coleman

 natives carried Merna back into the interior. They evidently left me for dead for when I became removing they had gone and my house was a smouldering ruin!

He told of hiding in the heavy underbrush till in ghtfad and then stombling along the beach, he espied the approaching lights of the Aruba

But I must get he p," he cried. I must go back and free my daugh er before they kill her, too!"

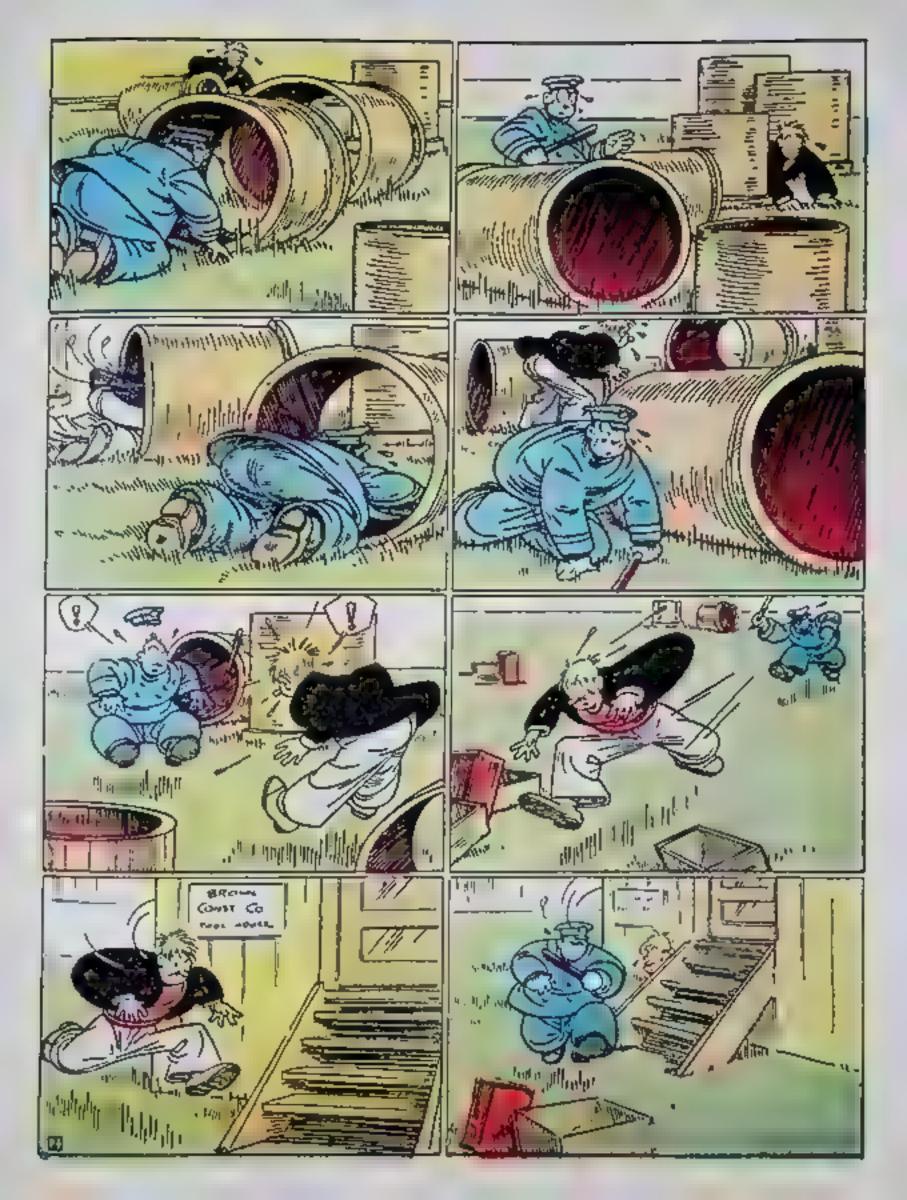
Coleman placed his arm ground the older man a shoulders. We'll do out very best to get her back. Mr. Nenton. Cottonbal and I know these natives exceedingly we'll and perhaps we can give them a surprise they haven't been expecting?"

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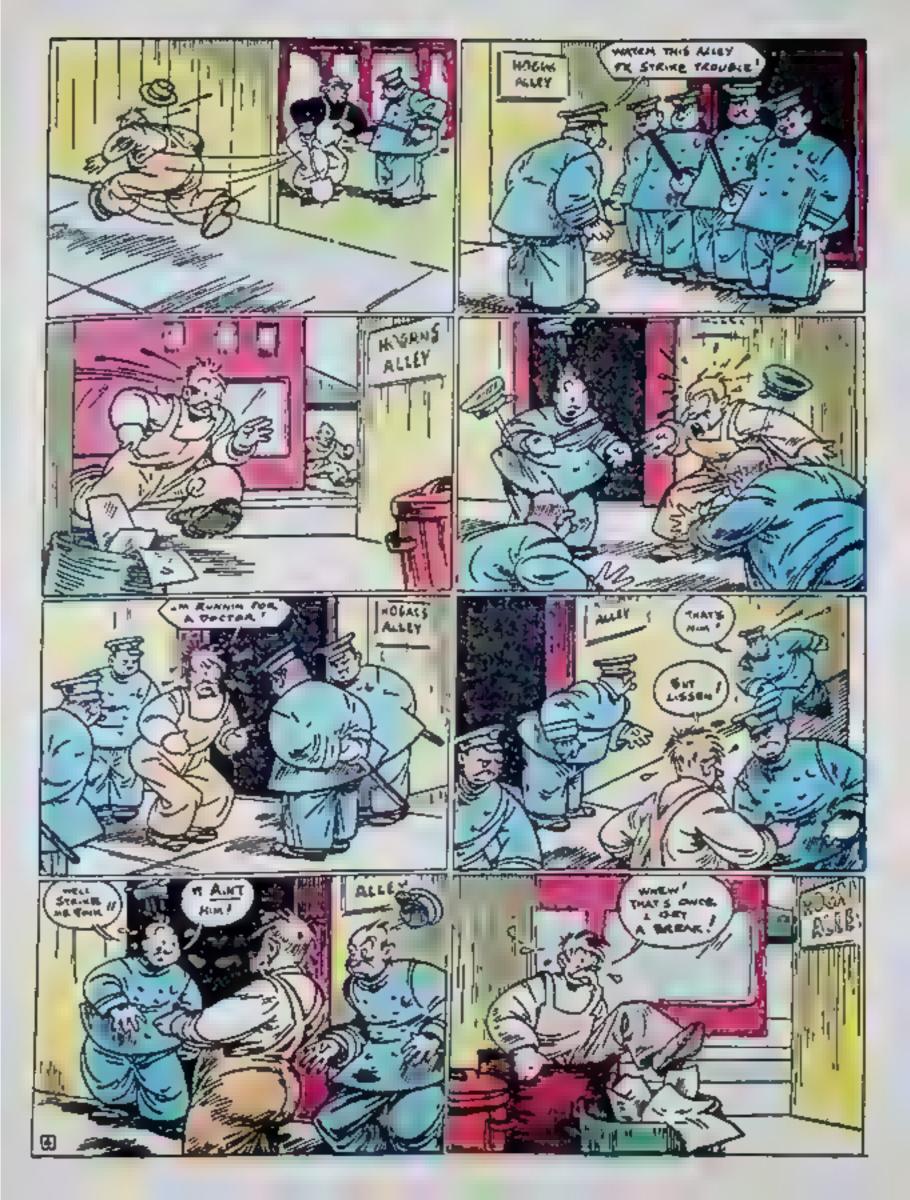
Will Bret Coleman manage to save Merna Newton from the blood thirsty South Sea island natives? Read the exciting climax of this story in the futy usue)

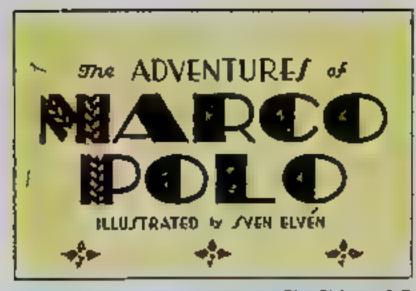














MARCO POLO ATTHE AGE OF SEVENTERY, TOGETHER WITH HIS FATHER AND UNCLE, TWO WEALTRY AND IMPORTANT MEN OF VENICE, SET OUT ON A JOURNEY TO THE ORIENT.

THEY REACH THE ARMENIAN COAST

OUR KING HAS JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM THE NEWLY ELECT ED POPE REQUESTING YOUR IM MEDIATE APPEARANCE AT HIS



AN ARMED GALLEY IS PLACED AT THEIR DISPOSAL BY THE ARMENIAN RULER.



DOLKING ATTHE CITY OF ACRETHEY GO DIRECTLY TO THE POPE'S PALACET



-WHERE THEY RECEIVE IMMEDIATE AUD, -ENCE WITH HIS HOLINESS AND GIVEN THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.

-- MY BLESSINGS UPON YOU - -THIS IS YOUR MISSION; THE KHAN OF TAR TARY REQUESTS ME TO SEND PRIESTS AND
MEN OF LEARNING TO HIS GREAT DOMAIN
TO IMPART THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR COUNTRY TO HIS PEOPLE.

I HAVE BUT TWO PRICATS AVAILABLE TO SEND WHO, WITH LETTERS AND GIFTS I EX-TRUST TO YOUR CARE TO SAFELY CONVEY TO THAT VAST EMPIRE IN THE CAST.

SOAGAIN THEY SET OUT FOR DISTANT





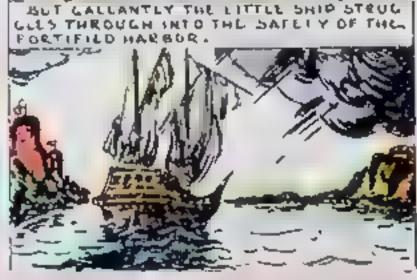




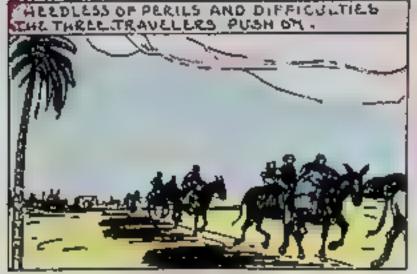


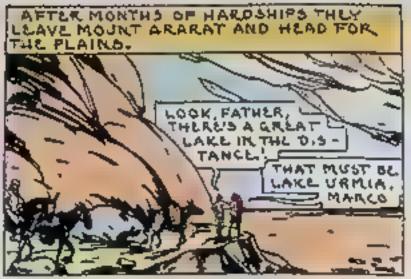












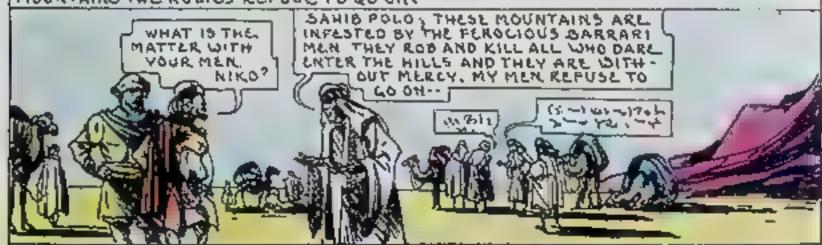
THEY FINALLY REACH THE PORT OF DORA ON THE PERSIAN GULF AND AFTER A PEW DAYS REST BOARD A SMALL BOAT FOR



AFTER MUCH BICKERING THEY SUCCEED IN CHARTERING A SMALL CARAVAN FOR THE INTERIOR!

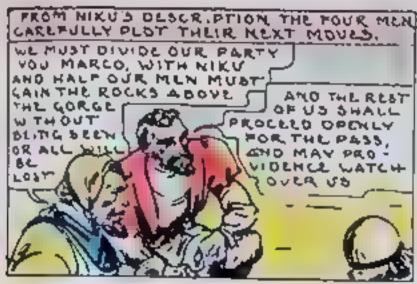


APPROACHING THE FOOTHILLS OF THE DANGEROUS KARGHAR PASS IN THE WILD RHAS MOUNTAINS THE KULIES REPUSE TO GO ON.





HIS MEN REMAIN WITH THE EXPEDITION.





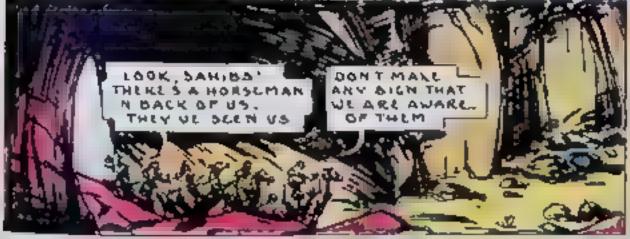
UNDER COVER OF HIGHT MARCO, NIKU AND THEIR MEN CREEP CAUTIOUSLY ANEAD FOR THE JPPER ROCKS.







THE LITTLE PARTY COMES TO A STEEP MARROW PASS SCARCELY W DE ENOUGH TO GO THROUGH, IN SINGLE PILE THEY ENTER THE TRAP.





AS THEY APPROACH THE OTHER END OF THE BOOL A BAND OF HOWLING SAVAGES POUR DOON ON THEM WITH RAISED SWOADS.

MET WITH A SPLIT SECOND TO GO SUMG INTO ACTION.
THEY LOOSE A WHOLE MOUNTAIN OF BOUL DERS ONTO THE BANDITS RELOW.



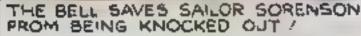


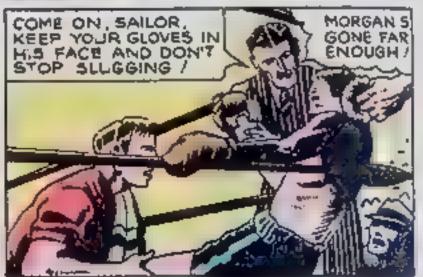


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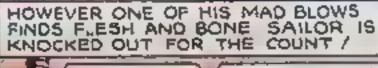






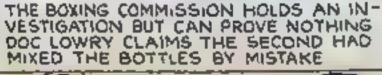












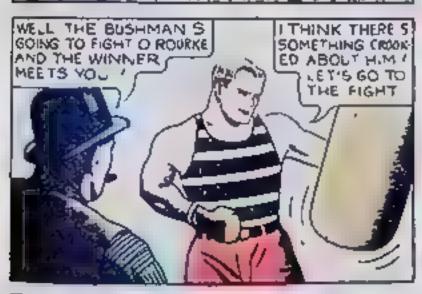




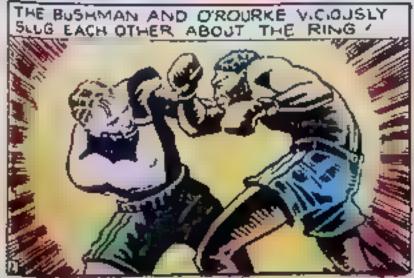




















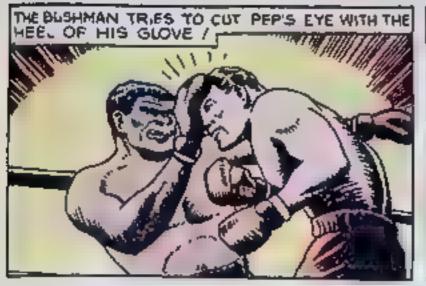






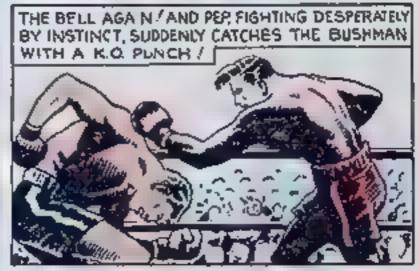




















SCANLON

FIVE STAR REPORTER

by Will Ely

SCOOP SCANLON, ACE REPORTER OF THE BULLETIN, ROUSES HIS BLEEPY-EYED PAL AND PHOTOCRAPHER, RUSTY JAMES, AND PLANS TO GO INTO ACTION ——























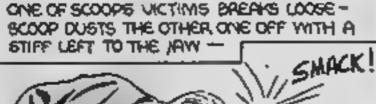












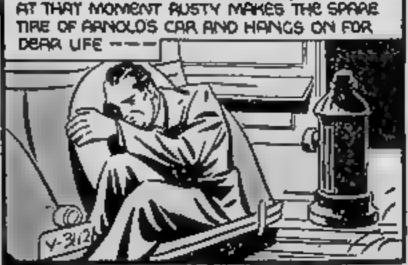


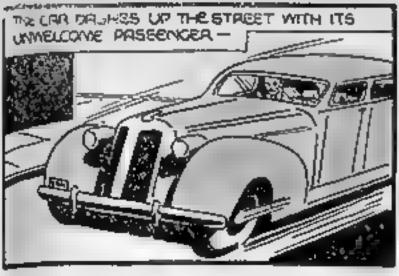


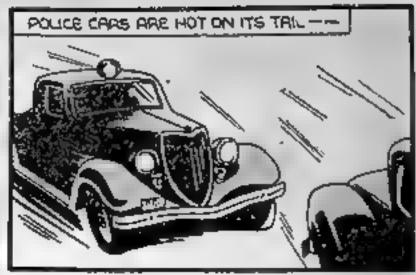






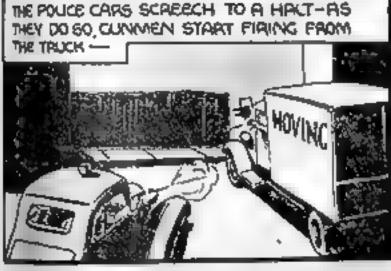




















































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LEFT HIS NATIVE
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FIND TEX IN A
SMALL TOWN IN
ENGLAND THE
INACTIVITY IS BEGUNNING TO BORE HOW.















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His coat —
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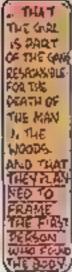
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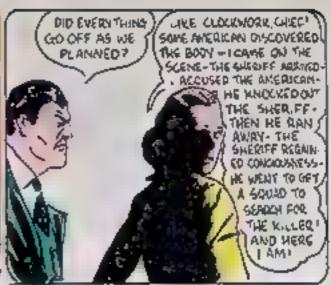
























































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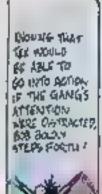
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BUT THE SCALE DATA
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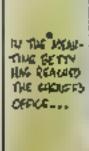


























THE GOLDATER CHIEF KILLED.
THE SHERE AND HIS MEN MARCH THE CEMENTAL CRUMINGS TO THE JAIL HOLDE











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CAKE GAT IN A BOOTH DURING A BENEFIT GIVEN IN LONDON, AND DANCED WITH ANYONE WHO WOULD PAY TWO SHILLINGS TO
DANCE WITH HIM SO MANY WOMAN DANCED
WITH HIM, THAT AFTER A FEW HOURS HE HAD
TO BE DRIVEN HOME AND BE PUT TO BED THE
FOLLOWING YEAR AT THE SAME BENEFIT, HE
SOLD STRAWBERRIES!



CHARLES BOYER,

SMOKED AS MANY
AS FOUR PACKS
OF CHARETTES
A DAY DURINGTHE FILMINGOF "THE GARDEN
OF ALLAH" EVERY
TIME HE STARTED
TO SMOKE HE WAS
CALLED TO ACT
IN A SCENE!



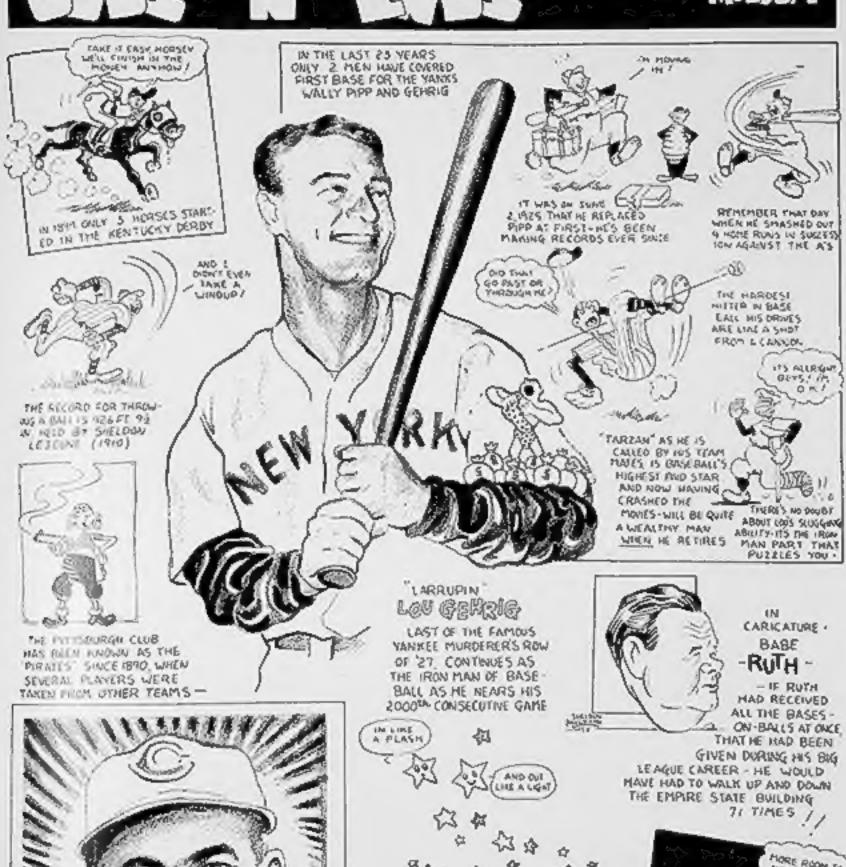
BENNETT, WORE A COSTUME DURING THE FILMING OF THE *AFFAIRS OF CELLINI , THAT WEIGHED THIRTY POUNDS! SHE LOST AS MUCH AS THREE POUNDS A DAY, EVERY DAY THAT SHE WORE THE OUT-FIT DURING THE MAKING OF THE PRODUCTION!

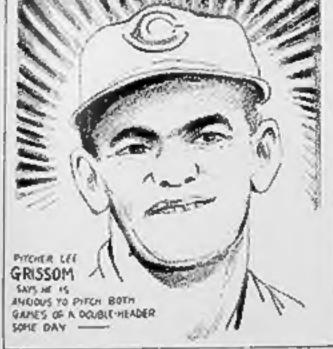


WHEELER AND WOOLSEY

TWO OF HOLLYWOOD'S MOST POPULAR COMICS, ARE INCORPORATED AS A TEAM! THEY'LL SHOW YOU THE PAPERS IF YOU DOUBT THEM!

MILDIFF





NORRIS POLIS AND OTIS BAKER MET IN A 6-ROUND BOUT - AFTER FLOORING

LET GO WITH RIGHTS TO THE CHIN BOTH LEAR A STUMP BY STARTING TO THE REFEREE CALLED IT A DRAW -EACH OTHER IN THE IST THEY BOTH



